
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6212 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING WINE TASTING AT PACKAGE STORES.

SUMMARY:

This bill increases, from four to 10, the maximum number of open bottles of wine allowed at package store wine tastings at any one time. Current regulations limit the maximum number to four (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 30-6-B21a(a)(5)).

*House Amendment "A" replaces the underlying bill that would have increased the allowable bottles by regulation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND

Wine Tasting at Package Stores

By law, package stores, on their premises, may offer free alcoholic liquor samples for tasting or conduct fee-based wine education and tasting classes and demonstrations. By regulation, these tastings must be held between noon and 8:00 p.m., but cannot be held during times when off-premises alcohol sales are prohibited (e.g., New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and after 5:00 p.m. on Sundays). By regulation, tastings must not exceed the following amounts per patron: one half ounce for liquor, one ounce for wine, and two ounces for beer.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2013)